

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

More and more of our news is becoming vanilla flavored as fewer companies supply it. The fewer and fewer companies that supply news are increasingly using official government outlets as their sources. No doubt this is loved by Bush and friends but doesn't really help the American people. We need fairly balanced reporting on events that affect our jobs, families, and lives. As things are now, this isn't happening as much as needed, and will only be worse if news sources are further consolidated.